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Brian W. Cubbage, Esquire Paleos & Krieger, P.C. 510 King Street, Suite 300 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Reference: F-2000-00834

Dear Mr. Cubbage

This acknowledges receipt of your 27 April 1998 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following records:

"All documents and records of that certain dispute colloquially referred to as the women's CAT B class action suit, a sex discrimination matter, of which Grace B. Tilden was a class member."

Your request has been assigned the reference number above for identification purposes. Please refer to this number in future correspondence about this request. We apologize for the lengthy delay in acknowledging your request. Be assured that your request will be placed appropriately in queue according to the date it was originally received.

We have accepted your request; it will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our search will be for documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter. Because we believe that fees would be minimal, and as an act of administrative discretion, we have determined that no fees will be charged for this request.

The heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has created delays in processing. Since we cannot respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the FOIA, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however,

to have us continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and we will proceed on this basis.

That part of your request for information pertaining specifically to your client, Grace B. Tilden, falls under the auspices of the Privacy Act and was addressed via separate correspondence (P-1998-00880).

Sincerely,

Kathryn I. Dyer Information and Privacy Coordinator

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